

The term stun gun often gets used interchangeably with taser, and these tools are very different in how they function. While the taser generally ejects darts that are connected to a wire that carries the electricity, the stun gun has to be touched to the attacker before it can transmit the electricity.

The stun gun is a formidable tool in the arsenal of defensive weapon, one that must be treated with the same amount of respect that a firearm is. Many modern stun guns carry upwards of 500,000 volts, and with that amount of electricity available it could cause serious harm. So with that being said lets discuss some pros and cons of this tool.

Pros

- #1 The stun gun is generally very light weight, if you plan on carrying it on a daily basis weight will become very important.
- #2 While stun guns are very potent, they are considered a “less lethal” defensive weapon. This means that the intent of the tool is not to kill, but to temporarily incapacitate your attacker . Think lower liability in a preceding court trial.
- #3 The stun gun generally has a run time of several minutes, meaning if one shock doesn't send them running, then you are capable of multiple strikes without stopping. This differs from the projectile style taser because the taser generally has 1 or 2 shots before they run empty.
- #4 You do not need to be 21 in most states to buy or carry a contact stun gun, this means loved ones who may need an edge for self defense but aren't capable of carrying a handgun yet may consider this.
- #5 Stun Guns are extremely painful, let me repeat, extremely painful. Anyone who has been shocked by 110 household current can attest to this, electricity hurts. Because of this they make a great deterrent to any would be attacker.

Cons

- #1 They do require the attacker to be very close to use. Unfortunately because of this you most likely are already in a physical altercation with the attacker.
- #2 Just like anything that uses batteries you must make sure they are charged and ready to go at all times, attacks don't happen on your schedule so you have to be prepared at all times.

Before you consider carrying a stun gun for self defense you should weigh all the pros and cons. The stun gun is a valuable weapon that has proven to be effective time and time again, but with any close quarters weapon you must train with it. Using any weapon is a last resort, but the stun gun has much less liability due to the fact you must physically press the tool to your target. No worries about over penetration here. In any self defense scenario remember that distance is your friend, the most successful fight is one you can avoid. If the stun gun sounds like something you may be interested in Shoot on by Eagle Gun Range today to see one in action!!!